

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (currently amended) An aboveground storage tank for flammable and combustible liquids having secondary containment capability, comprising:
 - an inner ~~impermeable~~ primary tank formed of steel for storing the liquid;
 - an outer ~~impermeable~~ secondary tank formed of steel encasing said inner primary tank defining an interstitial ~~areospace~~ therebetween;
 - an insulating foam material disposed ~~of~~ in the interstitial ~~areospace~~; ~~and~~
 - a fire resistant polymer material sandwiched between the insulating foam material and the outer secondary tank so that a fire resistant composite ~~comprised of~~ including said insulating foam and said fire resistant polymer material encases the inner primary tank[.].

whereby an outward bound particle under impulse from an explosion first encounters, in sequence, said steel primary tank, said insulating foam material, said fire resistant polymer material, and said secondary steel tank.
2. (currently amended) The storage tank of claim 1 in which the inner primary tank is formed of hot rolled carbon steel.
3. (currently amended) The storage tank of claim 1 in which the outer secondary tank is formed of hot rolled carbon steel.
- 4 - 5. (cancelled)
6. (original) The storage tank of claim 1 wherein the insulating foam material is polystyrene.
7. (original) The storage tank of claim 1 wherein the insulating foam material is a urethane polymer.
8. (original) The storage tank of claim 1 wherein the insulating material is polymethyl.
9. (original) The storage tank of claim 1 wherein the insulating material is a synthetic polymer.
10. (original) The storage tank of claim 1 wherein the insulating material is rubber.

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11. (original) The storage tank of claim 1 further comprising an interstitial leak sensor for monitoring leakage of the inner primary tank.

12. (original) The storage tank of claim 1 further comprising a first venting means for venting the inner primary tank.

13. (original) The storage tank of claim 1 further comprising a second venting means for venting the interstitial space containing the fire resistant composite.

14. (original) The storage tank of claim 1 in which the tank is used as a fuel storage tank to provide fuel for a generator.

15. (original) The storage tank of claim 1 further comprising a support means to form a base for a generator apparatus so that the generator apparatus is supported by the top surface of the fuel storage tank thereby reducing the space required for the generator apparatus.

16. (cancelled)